

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Dominican Republic - Haiti

a. The Dominican military's misgivings about an invasion of Haiti have gotten through to Bosch.

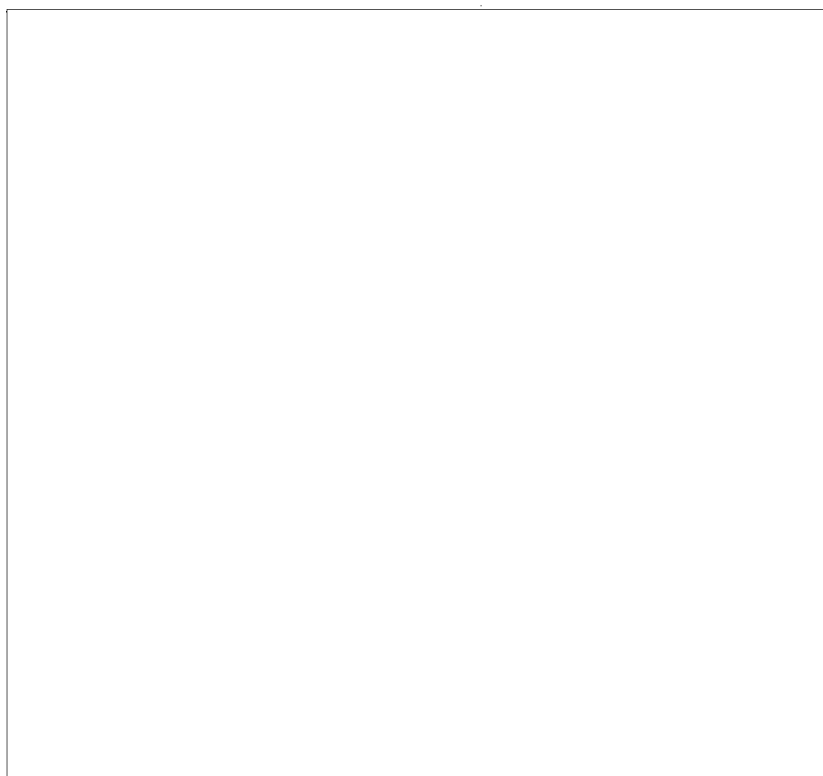
b. Ambassador Martin yesterday drew Bosch into admitting that his armed forces are not up to the job. He conceded that his navy is "a joke," his jets are unsafe, and his army lacks transport.

c. More Dominican troops were to be moved to the border today but Martin was told that this was being done to keep the OAS stirred up.

d. Bosch plans to go on the air at 8 o'clock this evening.

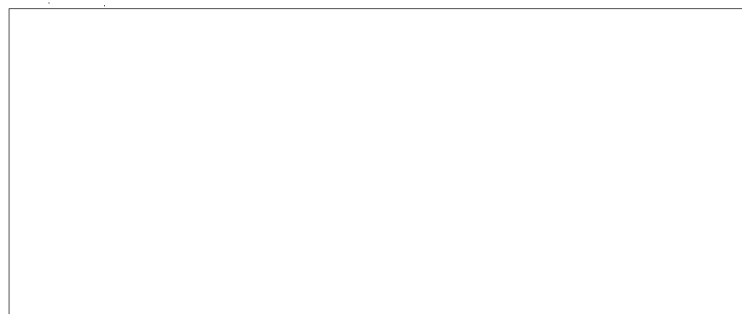
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3. Cuba

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4. Laos

a. Souvanna has rarely been more discouraged. He says his week-end experience in the Plaine des Jarres--the empty results of his talks as well as the helicopter incident--has left him all but convinced that the Pathet Lao want war, sooner or later.

b. Souvanna has asked the King to call a meeting of the Council of Ministers as soon as possible. This, he seems to feel, will tell him how the land lies. If the Pathet Lao refuse a summons to Luang Prabang, he will know that they intend to take themselves out of the government.

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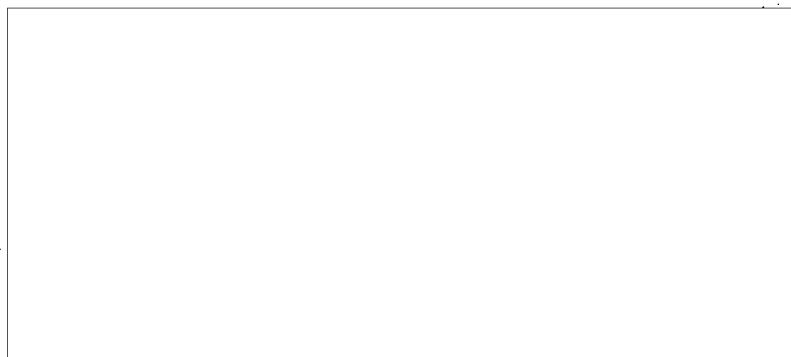
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d. Militarily, the situation
is essentially unchanged.

5. France

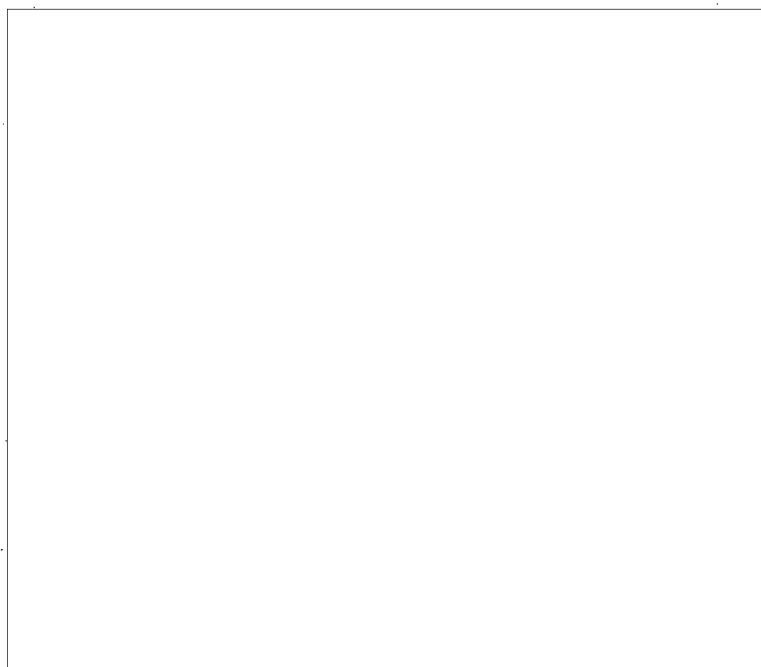
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6. UAR - Yemen -
Saudi Arabia



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7. EEC-US

a. The US is facing a setback on tariff negotiations at the 8-9 May EEC ministers' meeting.

b. Ranking officials in several EEC capitals have separately predicted that France's five partners will make no strenuous effort to overcome France's opposition to the US position unless the US offers concessions.

c. This opinion has been expressed by Dutch, Luxembourg and German representatives. They contend that some common ground must be found between the US proposal for 50% across-the-board tariff cuts and the French advocacy of "harmonized" tariffs. An impasse at the EEC meeting would foredoom the GATT ministerial conference scheduled for 16 May.

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